

## Last week's Proceedings -

# 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2006

President Paul started the meeting with a warm welcome to our speaker Mr. Arthur Lui and Rotarian Benny of RC Northeast.

President Paul then made the following announcements:

- 1. A Trip to Calcutta, India "A Night in Calcutta" on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2006 will be organized by RC of Kowloon North (President Maureen Boost) as a Fund Raising Project RC of Kowloon North. A team of 4 members from each Rotary Club can join this trip to Calcutta, India. Members who are interested in this trip to Calcutta, India should contact Hon. Sec. Andy or President Paul for further details.
- 2. Fundraising Project of RC of HK Harbour Charity Ball on 21 st October 2006 (RC of HK Harbour has obtained 50 free table from Regal Hotel for fundraising for Anti-He patitis B Project of District 3450.
- 3. Soul Talk's Loving Home (Emotional Surgery) for Women (Looking for donations of HK\$25,000 from each Rotary Club in District 3450) to provide counseling and other professional services to needy women 24 hours per day / 7 days per week for 6 months.
- 4. Interact Fund Raising Variety Show on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2006 For HIV Aids in 3<sup>rd</sup> Word Countries. Ticket Prices: HK\$100 / \$150 / \$230 / \$290.
- 5. Rotary Leader Institute will help to train Rotarian Leaders from Indonesia / Malaysia / Brunei etc. (4 Asian Countries) The 1 RLI training session will be held in Hong Kong on 11 November 2006. Members who are interested to attend this RLI training session should contact Hon. Sec. Andy or President Paul for further details.
- 6. PR Committee: PR Workshop organized by the District will be held on 26 th August 2006 at Kowloon Shangri-La Hotel (2:00pm-6:15pm) [Contact Person: PP Brenda Lee]. Our PP Tim has kindly agreed to be Chairman of the PR Committee of our Club. Members who wish to attend this PR Workshop should contact Hon. Sec. Andy or President Paul for further details.
- 7. Application for PR Grant from RI up to a sum of US\$3,000 per Club

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Results by 17/11/2006 }
To be implemented by 1/6/2007

- 8. School Partnering with Rotary led by IPDG Peter Wan A pilot scheme of 10 Rotary Clubs are invited to adopt with 10 separate schools. Launching Ceremony is expected to take place in the 1 st week in September 2006.
- 9. PP Alfred Tsang (RC of HK) (Salvation Army) will participate in HK's Orienteering Day to be held on 21 st October 2006.
- 10. Luncheon Meeting of RC of Golden Miles on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2006 with Police Commissioner as Speaker.
- 11. District Golf Day on (Fri) 27<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 28<sup>th</sup> October 2006 at Zhuhai Pine Valley.

SAA collection for the day was reported by Rotarian Eric of HK\$600. Thanks to the contribution of President Paul, IPP Eddy, PP Rudy, PP Henry, PP Stephen, and Rotarian Eric.

IPP Eddy then formally introduced our speaker Mr Arthur Lui. Mr Lui is a solicitor by profession and in his spare time he travels extensively to many remote places in China. His talk was on his trip to the source of Yellow River in Qinghai Province with 5 of his friends, all seasoned travelers, in July 2006.

There have been some environmental damages to source of Yellow River, rats are breeding fast and eating up the grassland at the source, causing soil erosion and environment damages

The speaker and his group with the assistance from the Qinghai Mountaineering Association traveled in two vans and started from Xinging. They traveled a total distance of 3800 KM covering Qinghai Lake, Chaka Salt Lake, Gonghe County, Madou County, Twin Lakes, Oxhead Monument, Starry Sea, Mardou Village, Golmud, Dunhuang and Xian. The source of Yellow River is at the Oxhead Monument and its latitude is 4759 m from sea level. According to the speaker, the formal source of the Yellow River is at "约古家門. Basin", it joins with two other tributaries of Yellow River, "礼 地" and :卡日地" and flows into the

twin lakes of the Yellow River, "Led" and "The M". Before the yellow river leaves Qinghai, the water is blue and clear, as contrast to our usual belief that Yellow River is a muddy river

The speaker spent altogether four days in the exploration of the source in their land cruiser during the daytime and wild camp at nights. The journey is by no means a comfortable one with threat of high elevation syndrome (highest point reached 4600 meters) and lowest temperature at -5 C even during the summer time. The speech will not be complete without the charming photos taken by the Speaker. The speech greatly inspired us not only on the beautiful scenery but also the urgent need for environmental protection as the ecology of the source of the Yellow River has gravely deteriorated in the past ten years due to greenhouse effect and the melting of the glacier. The speaker has committed his sharing with us again when they finish the venture in the source of the Yangtze River nest year in April.

Rotarian Tony thanked the speaker formally and President Paul reminded members that the following week's luncheon meeting would be replaced by the Inner City meeting in the evening. President Paul closed the meeting with a toast to RC of Northeast.

## **Rotary Information**

#### **District Contribution to Rotary Foundation**

As disclosed by IPDG Peter Wan, district 3450 is top of all districts in connection with the total contributions to The Rotary Foundation ended 30 th June 2006 as per the following figures:

Total contribution for the year US\$1,603,4	40 /.UU
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which break down as follows:

a) Annual Program Fund
 June 2006 Contribution
 US \$196,848.00
 US \$22,910.00

 b) Restricted giving
 US \$203,644.00

 c) Permanent Fund
 June 2006 Contribution
 US \$1,202,975.00
 US \$1,199,975.00

With your collective efforts, we have exceeded the district goal for Annual Program Fund (originally set at US\$165,223.00) by US\$33,625.00 or 20%. Contribution to Restricted Fund and Permanent Fund have also been considerably higher than the previous years as disclosed by IPDG Peter Wan.

Let us keep up the good work and continue to contribute to the Rotary Foundation in the form of Annual Program Fund, Restricted Giving, Permanent Fund or Every Rotarian Every Year contribution.

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#### Club Standing Guideline during adverse Weather

All members please note that during rainy/typhoon seasons, should the Hong Kong Observatory issue the black rainstorm warning or Typhoon Signal No.8 being hoisted on Wednesday and remain in existence until 9.00 a.m., our regular meeting on that day will be automatically cancelled.

## **Electronic Make-up Questions**

#### You can submit an electronic makeup for this missed meeting by answering the following questions:

1. Pres. Paul welcomed two persons to our meeting. Who were they?

Answer:

2. Pres. Paul made 11 announcements, name three of them.

Answer:

3. Whgo was our guest speaker today and what was his subject?

Answer:

4. What was the Rotary Informantion on?

Answer:

#### Instruction:

Please copy these questions click the following URL John Kwok and paste it to the email and answer these questions and then click send.

### **Jokes**

#### **Beautifully Stated**

Five Surgeons are discussing the types of people they like to operate on.

The first surgeon says: "I like to see accountants on my operating table, because when you open them up, everything inside is numbered."

The second responds: "Yeah, but you should try electric ians! Everything inside them is color coded."

The third surge on says: "No, I really think librarians are the best; everything inside them is in alpha betical order."

The fourth surgeon chimes in: "You know, I like construction workers...those guys always understand when you have a few parts left over.

But the fifth surgeon shut them all up when he observed: "You're all wrong. Politicians are the easiest to operate on. There's no guts, no heart, no balls, no brains and no spine, and the head and the ass are interchangeable."

## Photographs of our meeting

on

16<sup>th</sup> August, 2006



Guest Speaker Mr Authur Lui present his talk The Origin of "Huang He" (Yellow River)



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(L to R) DAG Eddy Wong, PP Stephen Lui & PE Laurence Chan.



Pres. Paul Chan





(L to R) Rtn Benny Ratnani (HKNE) & Rtn. Eric Chin.



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(L to R) Rtn Eric Chin, PE Laurence Chan, Guest Speaker Mr Authur Lui, Pres. Paul Chan Rtn Benny Ratnani (HKNE), DAG Eddy Wong, PP Stephen Lui.

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